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Sophomore rushee Ryan LeCluyse shows his pool skills at the Tau Kappa Epsilon open house Wednesday. The open house was a time for rushees to get to know each other and brothers of the fraternity. Rush began Jan. 10 and fraternities had open houses throughout the week. Next week fraternities will have informal rush events, such as bowling or movies. Fraternities will issue bids, or an invitation to join their organizations Wednesday.

Spring rush begins

By MARJIE KOSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Hours of cleaning their fraternity house and planning rush events are now giving way to the beginning of spring fraternity rush.

Rush began Jan. 10 with a fraternity forum in the Student Union. Each fraternity set up a table for potential members to see what each had to offer. Each chapter had an open house this week and next week each will have informal rush events, such as bowling or a movie. Fraternities will issue bids, or an invitation to join their organization, Wednesday.

Because of the large number of new members this fall, fraternities are expecting a small rush this spring, said Nick Wills, vice president of recruitment for Interfraternity Council.

Spring rush does not draw freshmen as much as fall rush, said Andy Rogers, who is also vice president of

recruitment for Interfraternity Council.

"In the spring, the target is more older students that feel like they're missing something from the college experience but can't quite put their finger on it," Rogers said.

Spring rush does offer some advantages, said Todd Parker, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

"I like spring rush because it gives guys a chance to get settled into school first semester," Parker said. "Now they can come out and meet everybody and experience Greek life."

Becoming a member of a Greek organization enhances college life, Wills said.

"Guys should rush because of the opportunity a fraternity gives you to get involved," Wills said. "Not only in the fraternity, but in all sorts of campus organizations."

Brooks Ray, a computer science major, was looking to get involved when he decided to rush.

"Basically, it'll give me something to do during the week," Ray said. "And I can meet new people. Plus it'll look good on a resume."

Bryan Vanosdale, director of Campus Activities, thinks that the diversity of fraternities is what draws men to rush.

An open mind is a key aspect in rush, according to Vanosdale.

"Open your mind and take a look at it," Vanosdale said. "Ask yourself, is that for me? When we get in a mindset of labeling people, we hurt ourselves and others around us."

Men wanting to rush will still have the opportunity to go to informal rush events taking place next week.

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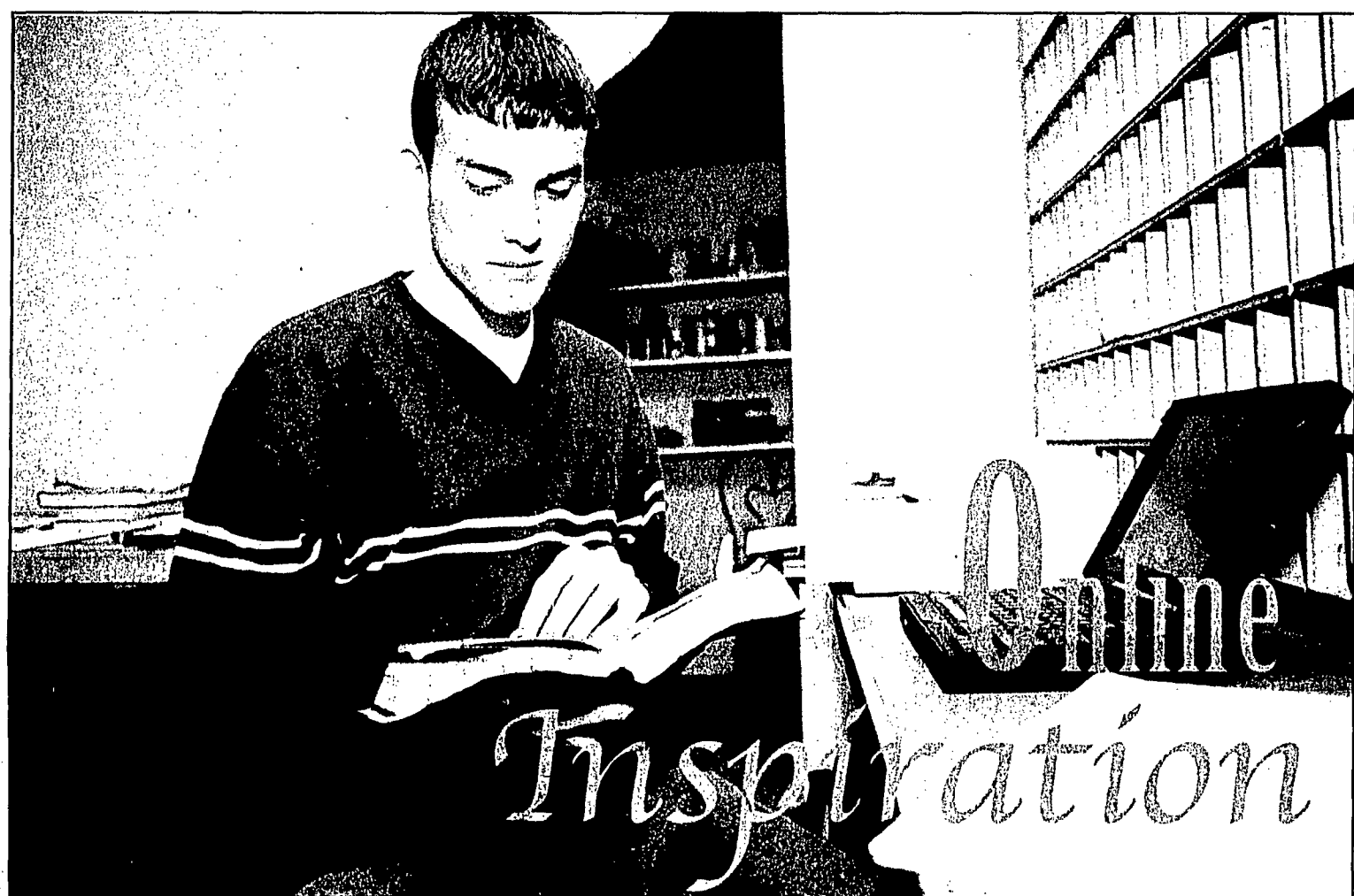


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The Daily Breakfast program, which was started last fall by Dakota Derr, is a daily e-mail that students can receive. It contains a devotional thought

intended to help people start their day off with a positive outlook. There are more than 150 people receiving the e-mails.

By JENNIFER LOUK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest student sends daily devotions via Internet

To some Northwest students, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It means satisfying a spiritual hunger. Those who believe this might want to join "Breakfast for the Soul," which provides a dose of daily inspiration to some Northwest students.

The daily breakfast program consists of an e-mail that students can receive Monday through Friday mornings. It is a devotional thought intended to help people start their day off with a positive outlook. Dakota Derr, a computer science major, started the program last fall.

"I had the idea a couple of years ago, but didn't get motivated enough to put it into action," Derr said. "Then,

while I was serving as a summer missionary, I remembered the idea and felt compelled to put it into motion."

Derr contacted campus ministries to get its e-mail lists and sent out invitations to those listed to find out who was interested. Although Derr e-mails the inspirational thought every morning, he said many people send in their contributions to "Breakfast for the Soul."

"They are intended to provide inspiration and motivation for a Christian's daily walk," Derr said.

The program has continued to get popular, Derr said. There are more than 150 people receiving the e-mails, and it's growing as people spread the word. Geography major, Erin McKillip, participates and enjoys the program. She likes to give her input when she thinks it could relate to a lot

of people who receive it.

"I would recommend others to sign up for the list to get the daily e-mail," said McKillip who has been receiving the "Breakfast for the Soul" e-mails since the program started. "A lot of times you get to hear things from people and see how they are growing, and there is usually a good lesson to be had."

The program was created so students from different campus ministries could have the opportunity to share stories from their daily quiet times or verses from the Bible. Anyone who would like to be a part of "Breakfast for the Soul," can contact Derr at s200732@mail.nwmissouri.edu. Derr said he would be glad to add newcomers to the list.

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Alum takes magic act to inauguration

By SARA SITZMAN
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A life of wonderment began at the age of six for David Sandy when his father showed him a simple card trick.

By choosing to travel the mystifying road of magic, Sandy's next destination is the Presidential Inauguration today in Washington D.C.

Sandy said his interest in magic was sparked as a child. He went to the library for books on magic and tricks.

"I really had a passion for it," Sandy said. "I really loved it."

A Northwest alumni, Sandy graduated in 1986 with a degree in broadcasting. While at Northwest he performed magic at various functions and continues to provide entertainment when invited.

Along with providing entertainment at the inauguration banquets, Sandy has been collaborating a team of 20 of the world's leading magicians to assist him in the entertainment events taking place at the Washington Union Station, the National Building Museum and the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel.

"It has been quite a thrill and challenge for me to put this all together,"

said Sandy. "I had no idea how complex this would be. It really took a little magic of my own to get this pulled together in such a short time."

The magicians will be working with small groups using intimate, slight-of-hand magic that involves using items from the audience, including their rings and money.

"I really enjoy watching people having a good time and seeing that look of wonder in their eyes," Sandy said.

Sandy said magic has provided many opportunities for traveling and meeting people, including television and film celebrities.

"It's a great hobby that has turned into a career," Sandy said.

Some of his greatest feats include levitating a woman over the top of a 16-story building, making a sports car disappear, and successfully driving through downtown traffic with his eyes blindfolded and taped.

Sandy serves as an executive board member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and will be installed as International President of the professional association in 2003.

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"I had no idea how complex this would be. It really took a little magic of my own to get this pulled together in such a short time."

DAVID SANDY
1986 GRADUATE

Scouts begin fundraiser, 8 cookie varieties offered

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Is your cookie jar almost empty? Maryville Girl Scout cookies are coming your way.

Girl Scouts started taking orders door to door on Jan. 12 and will continue selling until Jan. 29.

Eight varieties of cookies will be on sale for \$3 a box. These include Thin Mints, Carmel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Upside-Downs Frosted Oatmeal Cookies and Animal Treats. There is also a reduced fat cookie called Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes.

The cookie sale serves a dual purpose. It raises funds to provide Girl Scout troops with money for different activities. The funds raised provide an educational experience for the girls.

Debbie Zabica, executive director of Girl Scouts of the Midland Empire, says it is a good experience for the girls.

"The girls are involved in every aspect of the sale, from planning to selling, to deciding how the money raised is spent. In the process, the girls learn some very valuable life skills," Zabica said.

Donella Walker, service leader co-manager of Nodaway County Girl Scouts, said the girls use funds from the cookies for many purposes.

Walker said when the girls are younger, they use the funds for overnight trips to places like Kansas City, Mo. or Omaha, Neb.

WEB EXTRAS

Official Girl Scout cookie bakers
<http://www.girlscoutcookiesabc.com/main.html>

Girl Scouts official site
<http://www.gsusa.org/>

When they get older, they use the funds for service projects and bigger trips.

Billi Walker, a senior girl scout in Maryville, has been a Girl Scout for eleven years.

Walker said the funds from the cookie sales have allowed her to take trips to Hawaii and Michigan.

The funds from this year's sale will help her troop finance a trip to Europe where the troop will be visiting countries such as France, England, Austria, and Switzerland.

Two-thirds or more of every Girl Scout cookie purchase goes to programs to benefit countries such as France, England, Austria, and Switzerland.

The Girl Scouts will be delivering the cookies from March 9-19.

If a Girl Scout has not contacted you by January 27, contact Kathi Rideneur, 582-8773, or Donella Walker, at 582-8307, for more information.

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Authorities investigate threat on courthouse

By TRISHA THOMPSON
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Area law enforcement agencies investigated a potentially hazardous situation at the Nodaway County Courthouse early Saturday morning.

Buildings within a two-block radius of the courthouse were immediately secured and evacuated as officers searched for an explosive device. The threat remained under investigation with assistance from the FBI until about 10 a.m. No device was located and the area was determined to be safe. The incident is still under investigation.

"It's a pretty serious deal," said Ben Espey, Nodaway County Sheriff.

The bomb threat kept businesses near the courthouse from opening.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Nodaway County Sheriff's Department and Maryville Public Safety worked together during the investigation. In a press release, the agencies said they appreciated people's patience and understanding during the threat.

"We regret any inconvenience this may have caused and wish to assure the public that their safety is important," officials said.

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Board discusses increase, recognizes achievements

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Two students were recognized for their achievement at the Maryville R-II School District Board meeting Wednesday.

Mark Owens, a fifth grader, was recognized as student of the month for his outstanding scholastic performance. Senior Shane Mullins was named as the district representative to compete for the John T. Belcher Memorial Scholarship. Mullins will receive \$250 for being chosen and will compete for the regional scholarship. If he wins the state-wide competition, he will receive \$1000.

A brief financial statement was read by superintendent Gary Bell. Bell stated that the district had expenditures of \$668,542 as of Dec. 31, 2000. School board president Rego Jones, said the expenditures were consistent

to years past, but the district may not have the 10 percent of total budget in reserve that they want to have.

"We're not different from other school districts," Jones said. "The money from the state has been dwindling over the past years. The money is just not there."

Jones said the reserve is a contingency fund for major capital expenditures such as roof repairs.

Maryville Citizens for Education representative Fred Mares addressed the board on the progress of the campaign for the upcoming tax levy increase proposition.

"The thrust of this whole campaign is not only to recruit but to keep teachers who are already here," Mares said.

The tax levy increase will be on the Feb. 6 ballot.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ **Gentry County 4-H Council Meeting**, 7 p.m., Smith Veale Building, King City
 ■ **Last date to get a 50 percent refund** for dropped block courses

FRIDAY

■ **Prayer Breakfast**, 7 a.m., First Baptist Church
 ■ **Reservation deadline** for the 2000 United Way of Nodaway County Campaign Appreciation Dinner

SATURDAY

■ **Inauguration Day**
 ■ **PRAXIS Test**, 8 a.m., Colden Hall
 ■ **Four-State Musical Festival Concert**, 5 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

SUNDAY

■ **Youth Council Meeting**, 4:30 p.m., First Baptist Church
 ■ **Senatorial Debate**, 5 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
 ■ **Winterfest Candlelight Fund-raiser**, 8 p.m., Newman Center
 ■ **Guest Recital**, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

MONDAY

■ **Tutoring, Agape**, 3:15 p.m., Methodist Church
 ■ **Holt County 4-H Advisory Board Meeting**, 6 p.m., Hardee's, Mound City
 ■ **Alcoholics Anonymous, Agape**, 6 p.m., Methodist Church
 ■ **Last date to get a 75 percent refund** for dropped trimester courses or withdrawal
 ■ **Last date to get a 25 percent refund** for dropped block courses
 ■ **IM Basketball play begins**, 6:30 p.m.
 ■ **Encore: Grand Derangement**, 7:30 p.m., MLPAC

TUESDAY

■ **Certified Crop Advisors Training**, 8 a.m., Holiday Inn, St. Joseph
 ■ **Boy Scout Troop 74**, 7 p.m., First Christian Church Rec Center

WEDNESDAY

■ **Tutoring, Agape**, 3:15 p.m., Methodist Church
 ■ **City Council Candidate Forum**, 7 p.m., Nodaway County Courthouse

THURSDAY

■ **United Way of Nodaway County 2000 Campaign Appreciation Dinner**, Conference Center, 6 p.m.
 Reservation deadline: Jan. 19
 ■ **Student payday**

COMMUNITY

AIDS activists recognized

Michael Baumgartner, president of St. Francis Hospital and Health Services and Lois Lindaman, social worker, were awarded the Ethel Thompson Memorial Advocacy Award by the Northwest Missouri HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Collaboration at the annual World AIDS Day Luncheon Dec. 1. Baumgartner and Lindaman helped establish a program to develop a care network for rural persons living with HIV. The award is named for a northwest Missouri AIDS activist who died in 1997.

Middle School places in Top 10 on MAP scores

The State Board of Education notified Maryville Middle School of the data they received regarding the Missouri Assessment Program.

MAP tests students in communication arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Maryville Middle School is in the Top 10 in the following content areas: communication arts, grade 7; mathematics, grade 8; and social studies, grade 8.

Principal Keith Nowland said the test scores show strong curriculum development and a strong teaching staff.

"We have very good students to work with," Nowland said.

Candidates to discuss issues at council forum

City council candidates will discuss issues at a community candidate's forum later this month.

The candidates will discuss recycling, solid waste, transportation and alcohol control.

In addition to the candidates' presentations, the Committee for Education will discuss the Maryville school district levy proposition.

Residents will have the opportunity to ask participants questions. The forum will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 23, at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

Sheriff scholarship available to seniors

High school seniors have the opportunity to apply for the John Dennis Scholarship, awarded by the Missouri Sheriffs' Association.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be presented to 16 Missouri high school seniors who intend to pursue a criminal justice career and will be attending a Missouri college or university. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, be in the upper 50 percent of their graduating class and be active in extra-curricular activities.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship may contact the Missouri Sheriffs' Association, 229 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO, 65101, to obtain an application. The application must be returned to the committee chairman, Sheriff Stuart Miller, Audrain County Sheriff's Office, 1100 Littleby Rd., Mexico, MO, 65265.

Congressman opens Liberty district office

Congressman Sam Graves opened a district office in Liberty Tuesday.

People may contact the office for help they may need from federal government agencies or concerns they have regarding federal laws or policies.

The Liberty office will handle all constituent cases involving the federal government, including social security, veterans benefits and Medicare.

The opening of the Liberty office is a part of a larger constituent services outreach program to provide service to the people of the 6th District.

Local residents file for school board candidacy

The window for filing for a position on the Maryville School Board closed Tuesday. Five candidates filed, and two positions are available.

The candidates and their employers are Scott Shamberger, St. Francis Hospital; David Boyles, Boyles Motors Inc.; Mark Jelavich, Northwest; Stuart Collins, A-C Lightning Security Inc.; Robert J. "Bobby" Thompson, Mr. Goodcents.

The election will be held April 3.

School district receives grant for reading program

The Maryville R-II school district received a \$5,500 grant for the 2000-01 school year from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education under the incentives for the School Excellence program.

The grant proposal was titled "Word Scan" and was prepared by Dagmar Whipple, special education teacher at the high school. The project is a PC-based reading program designed to help special needs students with reading deficiencies gain access to reading material. The program converts print into speech, which the user can simultaneously listen to and read. Word Scan can also be used as a word processor.

Incentive/grant proposals are evaluated on a competitive basis at the state level. This year nearly 1,000 proposals were submitted.

UNIVERSITY

State senate candidates to debate at Northwest

Candidates vying for the state senate position vacated by U.S. congressman Sam Graves will square off in a debate on the Northwest campus this weekend.

Democrat Randall Relford and Republican David Klindt, both members of the Missouri House of Representatives, will meet from 5 to 6 p.m., Sunday, in the Charles Johnson Theatre for the debate.

The candidates will begin the debate by giving a three-minute introduction. Each of them will answer a set of four questions. Two minutes will be allowed for response and one minute for rebuttals.

The event is free and open to the public. It can also be heard live on Northwest's KXCV-FM.

Newman Center to raise funds for renovations

The need to make minor renovations at the Newman Catholic Center has prompted its new director, Marie deYoung, to embark on a fund-raising campaign. The Winterfest Candlelight Fund-raiser, the first of a series of events, will begin at 8 p.m. Sunday, at the center following the 7 p.m. Mass.

"The Newman Catholic Center is very dilapidated from bottom to top," said deYoung, who was hired as director and campus minister in August. "This will be a very modest renovation, in that we simply need to make many of the rooms serviceable, update the decor and install central heating and cooling."

During the Winterfest Candlelight Fund-raiser, the renovation and program development plans

Break time



PHOTO BY NICK THURBER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Michelle Eledge and Kimalee Runde take a breather from studying in the South Complex recreation room. Playing pool is a popular activity in many of the residence halls, along with ping pong and board games.

will be explained. The center hopes to raise \$20,000 in two years.

Guest performer visits music department

Guest musician Dr. Kelly Johnson, professor of music at Arkansas Tech University, will perform a recital at 8 p.m. Sunday in Charles Johnson Theatre.

During the concert she will play some standards of the clarinet as well as new literature for the instrument. The concert will include music from her recent CD release, which features works from Belgian composer Norbert Goddaer.

William Richardson, assistant professor of music, will join his college classmate in "Double Concerto" for clarinet and trumpet by Gordon Jacob.

The free recital is open to the public.

First Encore performance of trimester Monday

"Grand Derangement," a vibrant and energetic group that brings the multi-dimensional experience of theater, music, dance and song will come to Northwest at 7:30 p.m.

"Grand Derangement (Great Disturbance)" will entertain the audience by offering many interesting fusions of traditional Acadian music, rock, jazz and Louisiana and Irish rhythms.

High schoolers bring talents to campus

High school students from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri will participate in the 15th Annual Four-State Music Festival. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and end with a 5 p.m. concert in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"We hope to challenge the students musically and intellectually," said Stephen Town, professor of

music. The honor choir and band will perform four pieces each.

"This is a chance for the students to feel their hard work in the musical field is worth something to work with their peers from other high schools," said Al Sergel, assistant professor of music.

The free concert is open to the public.

Discussion of campus issues focus of retreat

Northwest is playing host to a Strategic Planning Council Retreat 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Student Union Ballroom.

The retreat is being implemented to help improve the Northwest campus and will provide an opportunity for Northwest faculty, staff and students to come together and discuss both good and bad qualities of the campus.

Discussion is open to anything to improve the campus.

Ideas to be reviewed are, enrollment success, financial needs for students and the overall success and failure of Northwest.

Library Web site honored in national publication

The Owens Library Web Site was honored by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

ALA displayed the Library Web Site in a 98-page book titled "Library Web Site Policies." The library received 16-pages of coverage in the book, which was recognized and distributed nationwide.

The material in the book demonstrated the quality and reliability of the library's on-line help for students.

Information librarian Carolyn Johnson said "we had a good library Web Site that could be shared with others."

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The sisters of Tau Phi Upsilon would like to congratulate their newest actives:

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Kara Degase	Melissa Engle
Korthi Norgart	Alysha Keith
	Sarah Winecoff



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MY VIEW

Editor offers helpful hints for time, stress management



TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

School has started again and it's in full swing. For me, this translates to stress. During the trimester I try to manage school, friends, family and my position on *The Missourian*.

Time and stress management are two things I would say I am not very good at because I strongly believe in taking time out for myself.

Here are three tips on time and stress management and examples that I use every day.

Tip #1: Make up a "to-do" list every day. Write out the things you need to accomplish that day and prioritize.

Here is an example of my to-do list for today:

1. Sleep
2. Get out of bed.
3. Get out of my pajamas.

4. Take a nap.

Remember not to overload yourself with activities and take breaks frequently.

Tip #2: Stay focused and motivated. Concentrate on each task.

If I can't stay focused on sleeping, then I will move on to another task, such as task #4, taking a nap.

Tip #3: Balance your time between work and play.

This is where I try to distinguish between work and play. I think getting out of bed is the most work on my "to-do" list.

Don't get me wrong — school is important to me, but it is not everything to me. The pressure of achieving success in a competitive environment can really get me down.

Five years down the road, I won't remember what happened during a class lecture. I am most likely to remember an awesome party, helping a friend with a problem and laughing with the *Missourian* staff.

Every now and then, if I'm feeling stressed, I try to step back and re-evaluate what is important in my life. This will vary with each person and their own goals. The things that are important to me include friends and of course, sleeping.

I hope my tips and advice will help you achieve success as we head into another trimester of stress.

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YOUR VIEW

What do you think about the number of businesses closing in Maryville?
What would you like to see in their place?



"It's a shame they're all going out of business, but you can't put all the blame on the bigger stores. With Kansas City and St. Joe close, it's easy to go there instead."

Jason Crum
Maryville resident



"I'd like to see some decent restaurants in town. There's a lot of need for a good used furniture store, because this is a college town and there are a lot of single people. It would be useful."

Nina Ambrose
Maryville resident



"I think we need Pamida back because when you work uptown there's no place to buy a spool of thread, a zipper, on your lunch break. There needs to be a decent restaurant to take your children to."

Beverly Mayes
Maryville resident



"It's really tough to see Maryville-owned stores go out of business because of a big corporation that's already making tons of money—it really hurts the little people. It's a shame that Maryville people have to pay the price."

Roger Burson
Maryville resident



"Since Super Wal-Mart, they've run all the other businesses out. If they went back to a regular Wal-Mart, maybe we'd be fine. I'd like to have our old businesses back, so that I'd have other options for shopping."

Melinda Watkins
Maryville resident

OUR VIEW

Extra books

University advertises advantages of low book costs while price of 'supplemental' materials stack up

Renting books instead of purchasing them is a positive attribute Northwest possesses over competing universities. But, with the fall trimester complete, many students are finding that the cost of required "supplemental" books and materials are adding up. The cost, along with the purpose of purchasing some of the items, remains in question.

When the admissions counselor hands a potential student a Northwest informational packet, a small chart inside contains costs for the academic school year. In regular print, \$0 is shown for the price of books. If you follow the asterisk down, the fine print reads, "Textbook rental is included in the cost of tuition. Supplemental books may be purchased at the bookstore."

The problem with "supplemental" books is two fold. There is purpose and cost. If students need a book for other classes or the book will help them in their desired major, then purchasing the book is justified. But if students are forced to buy books for general education classes and only use them for one class, why should they buy them?

Many introductory classes require students to purchase other books and materials. American Historical Survey requires students to purchase a \$30 workbook. The 156-page text is used only 4 times in some classes. Other instructors require students to purchase selected readings totaling \$20. In General Biology, students must purchase a \$30 laboratory manual. Books aren't the only materials students must purchase. In General Zoology, university students are required to not only purchase a \$35 laboratory manual, but a \$15 dissection kit as well. Using Computers requires students to purchase a \$39 CD that is used in the class to run a slow, error-ridden program called Pinpoint. The list continues and more books means more money that students have to spend.

The second problem with "supplemental" books and materials is the cost. Many items sell for up to \$40 apiece. When these materials are used four times a trimester or for only one class, they are a waste of our money. Staff could easily copy selected text for a fraction of the cost and turn that cost over to students. Many students would probably take a 20-cent printing charge over a \$30 sock to the wallet. What about other materials like CDs and dissection kits? The Pinpoint CD should only cost \$15 because of the large amount of people who use the CD and the slow, error-ridden software program that is on it. The University should look for other alternatives for students instead of handcuffing them to a \$39 plastic drink coaster.

Some "supplemental" texts are useful however. For example, The Longman Writer's Companion is helpful to students taking other English classes and could be useful after graduation. Books like the Longman Writer's Companion are what "supplemental" texts should be, useful in a variety of classes and beneficial in the future.

Many books are expensive no matter where they are purchased. Some used editions from Internet sites are only a few dollars less. The University can do little to change established publisher prices, but when selecting books for a course, price should be an issue.

Northwest students will have to continue purchasing "supplemental" books and materials. Some will be useful while others will join personal collections of useless texts or become polycarbonate Frisbees. Either way, Northwest should change the line in fine print of their informational handout to read "Supplemental books must be purchased and are required."

Senate should deny Ashcroft

By DREW HOLLAND
THE GW HATCHET (GEORGE WASHINGTON U.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee began hearings Tuesday on the nomination of former Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft, the man President-elect George W. Bush has chosen to serve as Attorney General. Senators should scrutinize Ashcroft and his record on such important issues as civil rights, including protections for gays and women, abortion and gun control.

Ashcroft is the epitome of the conservative Republican. In a previous stint as Missouri attorney general, Ashcroft led the fight opposing the integration of school districts in St. Louis and Kansas City. He has spoken at and received an honorary degree from Bob Jones University, the ultra-conservative institution that until recently banned interracial dating. He was one of the Senate's staunchest opponents of abortion and gay rights.

Traditionally, former senators have not had much trouble confronting their former colleagues in confirmation hearings. Often called the most exclusive club in the country, the Senate puts great emphasis on courtesy and the collegiality of its members. But perhaps this is one instance where collegiality should bend to the will of the people.

Following an election where more Americans actually voted for the other guy, Bush's nomination of a reactionary like Ashcroft is disingenuous at best. Rather than actually fulfilling promises by attempting to unite a bitterly divided electorate, Bush chose a man to whom bipartisan cooperation was a dirty phrase to lead the Justice Department.

Bush is behaving instead like a man with a mandate, like Nixon or Reagan after an enormously successful campaign. How quickly he forgot the month-long struggle to discern the intent of Florida's voters while the rest of the country listened to Bush peddle platitudes about his being a "uniter, not a divider" and reiterating his "compassionate conservative" ideology. Now it appears as though those phrases were Trojan horses intended to placate the exhausted electorate in preparation for the sucker punch of Ashcroft's nomination.

Why nominate Ashcroft anyway? This is a man who had so lost the confidence of his constituents that they refused to return him to Washington. In fact, the people of Missouri preferred representation by a dead man over that of Ashcroft. Talk about a resounding vote of confidence.

George W. Bush should look a little further beyond his father's administration and take a cue from another Republican president. Facing similar circumstances in which a new president's supporters questioned the integrity of his predecessor's Justice Department, Gerald Ford took a different tack. He nominated Edward Levi, a non-political figure who at the time headed the University of Chicago. Perhaps Bush will learn his lesson if Ashcroft is defeated.

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Banquet awards leaders

Local Chamber looks forward to new year

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Service awards were presented and leadership was recognized at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday.

Approximately 125 people attended the banquet, Colleen Hastings, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said.

The purpose of the banquet is to recognize contributions made throughout the year.

"It is an opportunity for us to recognize the hard work of all volunteers," Hastings said.

The banquet featured dinner, an awards presentation, speaker, door prizes and passing of the gavel.

The first award given was the Spearhead Award. It is given for efforts to start a new program or rejuvenate an old program. This award, won by Bill and Bonnie Ingels, was given for their work with the Home and Garden Show.

The Service Project Award, presented to the group who has a current and ongoing impact on the community, was awarded to the Maryville Rotary Club. The award



Colleen Hastings, executive director of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, introduces Bob Priddy, news director of Missouri Net, as the guest speaker at the Chamber's annual banquet Monday. Awards were also presented for service and citizenship.

was won for the club's work with the campgrounds on Mozingo Lake, Toys for Tots, Boys and Girls State, the Senior Citizens Center and other local organizations. Honorable mentions for this award went to Business and Professional Women's Association, Friends of Maryville Public Library and Today's Civic Women.

The Good Citizen award was presented to Arnold Lindaman, for his involvement in the Maryville Rotary Club, the liquor ordinance committee and other organizations in Maryville.

"I'm happy to have been able to give back just a little bit to a com-

munity that has given a lot to my family," Lindaman said.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Jessica Loch. She has been involved with the Public Library Board of Trustees, a chapter advisor for the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and involved in various other organizations in the community. She also volunteered time helping with the pre-kindergarten program and other school-based projects.

"I am very honored because past receivers of this award have been people I really admire," Loch said.

Loch said she is very fortunate to be able to volunteer full time.

The banquet festivities also included guest speaker, Bob Priddy, news director of Missouri Net. Priddy told of Missouri history and inspiring stories of courage and leadership. Priddy encouraged guests to refuse to be limited by others.

"Never stop dreaming," Priddy said. "Never be afraid to step forward."

At the end of the banquet, Phil Smith, 2000 Chamber of Commerce president, passed the gavel to 2001 president, David Schmidt.

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City hopes to build marina at Mozingo

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Maryville boaters will have an opportunity in the future to have access to a local marina.

The city of Maryville is on the lookout for someone with the finances and experience to open and run a marina in Mozingo Lake.

City Manager David Angerer said the city wants to lease land to someone who has experience in running a marina. That person will run the marina like a private business.

Angerer said he was advised not to let the city run the marina because of a lack of experience and financial reasons. Management would be put into a private sector.

"A marina is an expensive thing to run," Angerer said. "We must be very careful before using public money on something we know nothing about."

Angerer said the city has sent letters and advertisements to 40 midwest area marina owners and preliminary proposals to build the marina will open on Jan. 31.

He said that it may be awhile to find someone to do the job, because there are few people who know how to run a marina. However, time is not a big factor.

"We want to make sure it is properly built and properly run," Angerer said. "It's more important that we do it right than do it fast."

The city also wants to have other services available at the marina such as a food and supply convenience store, a boat repair shop and a boat fuel station.

"The marina has to be more than just a place to park boats," Angerer said.

A deadline for completion of the marina has been left up for discussion with bidders. Angerer said factors such as design and the time of opening will depend on the person or group selected to build the marina.

Angerer said the 10-year plan developed for 3,000-acre Mozingo Lake

and park included a marina with space for at least 40 watercrafts.

Angerer said the idea of building a marina has been around for many years and there are not many lakes or state parks in the northwest Missouri region. Having a marina will provide a place for outdoor recreation, Angerer said.

"People are eager for outdoor activities and Mozingo fills that niche," Angerer said.

Angerer said building the marina would also help economic development in Maryville.

He hopes it will bring people in outside of the Maryville area who will patronize businesses such as restaurants and hotels.

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Young drivers affected by new license law

By NAOMEY WILFORD
COPY EDITOR

Missourians without driver's licenses must meet criteria for gaining license privileges and will not be permitted a full license until the age of 18.

Missouri's Graduated Driver License Law went into effect Jan. 1, and consists of three phases.

In first phase, 15-year-olds may apply for an instruction permit. Permits can be obtained by individu-

als who have passed the customary vision, road sign and written tests and who have written permission from a parent or guardian.

Drivers with a permit may be accompanied by a parent, grandparent or guardian unless they are 16 years or older. Then the person accompanying the driver must be a licensed driver who is at least 21.

Drivers ages 16 to 18 can enter the second phase of the law, but only after six months with an in-

struction permit. The intermediate license granted in this phase requires parental verification of 20 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction and drivers must pass a driving test.

"They have to have the permit for six months, where before they didn't have to," said Shelley Veer, manager of the Maryville License Bureau. "They're trying to slow down the accidents."

At 18, drivers graduate to the

third phase of the law to receive a full license where they must pass the vision test again.

To qualify for an intermediate or full license, drivers must have no alcohol-related offenses in the last year and no traffic convictions in the last six months.

To read this story in its entirety, go to <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian>.

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Competitors force Stuart's restaurant to close its doors

By JIMMY MEYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

After six years in Maryville, Stuart's restaurant closed its doors permanently Dec. 20.

Owner, Janet Stuart, said she kept thinking business would pick up but it never did.

"After Burger King came in, our business started slowly going down," Stuart said. "Plus, Maryville being a college town, we were really slow during the holidays."

Stuart owns three other restaurants in Albany, Gower and Stanberry. She said the utilities were

higher in Maryville than in other towns.

Jenny Lyle, Ravenwood, had been employed at Stuart's since October, but she wasn't pleased with the owner's decision to close.

"I've put out many applications since then and I still haven't found

anything yet," Lyle said. "They didn't give us much warning."

Doyle said the notice came at the employee Christmas party one day before the restaurant closed.

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Program earns funds

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

A bill passed through the Department of Education, with the help of Sen. Kit Bond, secured \$75,000 for the Regional Council of Government's Access 2000 program.

The extra funds will be used for the continuing operations of Access 2000 and establishing a way to measure how the program has impacted northwest Missouri, said Brenda Emery, Access 2000 coordinator.

"We are completely thrilled to receive that amount of funding," Emery said. "Sen. Bond has been very supportive of Access 2000 and has maintained a great interest in

the program."

Emery said that their office has had numerous contacts with Bond's office in efforts to get the bill passed.

Access 2000 is an effort to promote rural, economic and career development for northwest Missouri youth. It provides services to students in grades 6-12 in 30 different school districts throughout an eight-county region.

The program emphasizes career planning, leadership development, evaluation of personal skills and entrepreneurship training.

The program received notice in December that it would be obtaining funds.

"We are completely thrilled to receive that amount of funding."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 9

A Maryville male reported that someone had taken a campaign sign from his yard in the 200 block of South Saunders. Joseph L. Hudson, 29, of Lee's Summit, was issued a summons for larceny.

Jan. 10

An officer received a report from two female juveniles that they had been assaulted by a male juvenile. The case was referred to the Juvenile Office.

While on patrol on East Third, an officer observed a vehicle with only one headlight. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of South Main. The driver was identified as Aric M. Larson, 24, of Clive, Iowa. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle with one headlight.

Jan. 11

Jason M. Starnes, Maryville, and Paul J. Sanders, Sheridan, Mo., were parked in the 900 block of West Third. Both vehicles were unoccupied. Starnes slipped out of gear, backing into Sanders.

An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Charles H. Skelton, 20, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear, and released after posting bond.

Jan. 12

Frances N. Clark, 56, Burlington Jct., and Dixie D. Hughes, 55, Fillmore, were attempting to leave a private drive when Clark struck Hughes.

Teresa A. Parsons, 19, Maryville, was stopped at the stop light on East Third. Richard E. Schafer, 44, Maryville, struck Parsons while backing from a parking space on East Third.

Becky E. Vanness, 29, Maryville, was backing out of a private drive when she was struck by Judy R. Heller, 22, Maryville, who was backing out of a private drive. Heller then left the scene. Heller was is-

sued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident and careless and imprudent driving.

Jessica M. Hoffecker, 18, Maryville, and Nicole M. Berger, 18, Des Moines, Iowa, were in the entrance lane to Bypass 71. Berger yielded to traffic when Hoffecker struck Berger. Hoffecker was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Jordan H. Johnson, 21, Maryville, and Steven K. Smith, 22, Shawnee, Kan., were both parked in a private parking lot when Johnson backed into Smith.

A Maryville man reported that his lap top computer had been lost or stolen.

An officer received a report from a Bolkow male that someone had passed one of his checks at a business in the 1600 block of South Main.

Angela L. Healy, 20, Maryville, was attempting to back out of a parking spot when she struck Charles E. Switzer, 42, Lathrop.

Jan. 13

Rhonda K. James, 39, Maryville, was slowing down in traffic when she was struck in the rear by Jeffery R. Comstock, 29, Maryville. Comstock was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Officers received a report of a loud party in the 800 block of North Buchanan. Upon arrival, Kristy A. Arkfeld, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

While on patrol in the 400 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed a fight. The case was referred to the Prosecutor's Office.

While on patrol in the 200 block of South Walnut, an officer observed a vehicle with a tail light out. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of West Edwards. The driver was identified as William P. Pope, 39, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for de-

fective equipment.

Jan. 14

An officer received a report from a Maryville business that someone had broken into their store in the 900 block of North Main.

Jan. 15

An officer received a report from a Barnard male that someone had taken a ladder from his job in the 100 block of North Main.

An officer received a report from Animal Control of neglected puppies in the 1600 block of North Main. The puppies were transported to Nodaway County Animal Shelter. Angela M. Wray, 21, Maryville was issued a summons for Animal Neglect.

While on patrol in the 1100 block of East First, officers observed a male they know as being revoked. James Gabbert, 24, Maryville, was issued a citation for driving while revoked.

Jan. 16

An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had lost a black handbag containing school books and a calculator.

Fire units responded to a smoke investigation in the 600 block of West Torrance. Upon arrival, it was determined that the smoke was coming from the toaster.

An officer received a report from a business in the 1600 block of South Main that an employee was stealing from them. Albert J. Burgan, 20, Bedford, Iowa, was issued a summons for larceny.

SHERIFF REPORT

Jan. 5

A Ravenwood subject reported a theft from a vehicle at her residence.

Jan. 6

Patricia A. Moran, 58, Gentry, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for passing bad checks.

A Hopkins subject reported harassing phone calls.

Jason D. Richardson, 28, Clearmont, was arrested on a Buchanan County warrant for probation violation/non support. He

was released to Buchanan County.

A Graham subject reported property damage to her vehicle.

Jan. 7

Jeremy D. Bradshaw, 19, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Gary R. Fuller, 28, Tarkio, was arrested on a parole violation.

Jan. 11

James J. Barnouski, Jr., 30, St. Joseph was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation.

Douglas S. Carter, 22, Savannah, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation.

Jan. 14

A Burlington Jct. subject reported a theft from his vehicle while parked at his residence.

A Tarkio student reported a theft from his vehicle while parked in Burlington Jct.

Jan. 15

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An Amazonia subject reported a burglary to a shed in rural Maryville.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Jan. 5

Campus Safety investigated a vehicle accident in Lot 1. An officer issued a traffic citation for improper backing.

Campus Safety investigated a vehicle accident in Lot 7. An officer issued a traffic citation for failure to yield.

Jan. 7

Campus Safety responded to Dieterich Hall in reference to an assault. An officer questioned the suspects and issued two summons for fighting. An officer arrested one of the suspects and transported the suspect to Nodaway County Jail for posses-

sion of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana under 35 grams.

Campus Safety responded to Dieterich Hall in reference to a medical emergency. An officer transported the patient to St. Francis Hospital.

Jan. 10

An officer confiscated two duplicate drivers licenses while conducting a pedestrian check in Lot 18.

Jan. 11

An officer responded to Wilson Hall to assist with opening a lodged door.

An officer investigated a report of vandalism at Owens Library.

Campus Safety reset an alarm in North Complex set off by custodial personnel.

An officer responded to Brown Hall in reference to a fire alarm. A pull station had been activated.

Jan. 12

An officer responded to South Complex for a medical emergency and transported the patient to St. Francis Hospital.

Jan. 13

An officer stopped a vehicle in Lot 15 in reference to speeding on campus. The driver submitted to a field sobriety test and was issued an administrative citation for zero tolerance.

Campus Safety assisted Maryville Public Safety with an incident at the Court House.

Campus Safety assisted the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department with a missing person at Bilbie Ranch.

Jan. 15

An officer responded to Millikan Hall for a medical emergency and took the patient to St. Francis Hospital.

BIRTHS

Charity Marie Ramer

Beth and Ronald Ramer, Stanberry, are the parents of Char-

ity Marie, born Jan. 8 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and joined two siblings, Stephanie and Adam.

Her grandparents are Donald and Linda McGinley, Darlington, and Linda Hanks, Fayette, Ala.

Her great-grandparents are LaVonne Gunter, Stanberry, and Winnie Hanks, Fayette, Ala.

DEATHS

Charles Dean Robertson

Charles Dean Robertson, 43, Maryville, died Thursday at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Oct. 22, 1957, to Charles and Joyce Robertson, Albany.

He is survived by his parents; two sons, Christopher and Jon; two sisters, Carol Hayes and Mary Floyd; and one brother, Stephen Robertson.

Services were held Jan. 11 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Gradview Cemetery in Albany.

Doris A. Allen

Doris A. Allen, 98, Hopkins, died Monday at Bedford Nursing Rehabilitation Center in Bedford.

She was born Dec. 28, 1902 to William and Rose Hook in Hopkins. Services will be held Thursday at Swanson Price Chapel in Hopkins.

Alpha Mary Overbay

Alpha Mary Overbay, 91, Bedford, Iowa, died Monday at Vencor Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

She was born Oct. 2, 1909 to Riley and Melissa Smith in Belva, Okla.

She is survived by he daughter-in-law, Jean Overbay; two grandsons, Brian and Travis Overbay; and three great-grandsons, Alexander, Kory and Jacob Overbay.

Services will be held Saturday at Bedford Baptist Church in Bedford.

Eunice Louise Stenberg

Eunice Louise Stenberg, 76, Maryville, died Sunday at Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born July 24, 1924, to Melva and Fred Davenport in Fairfax.

She is survived by two sisters, Kathryn Ernsting and Ruth Wennihan; two brothers, Charles and Owen Davenport.

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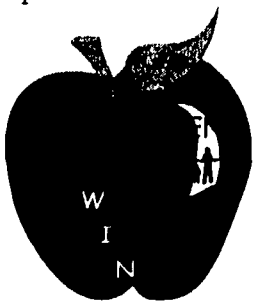
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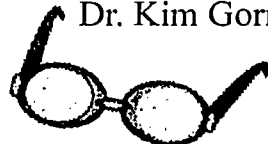
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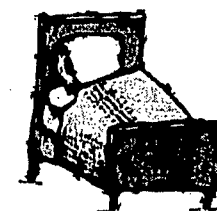
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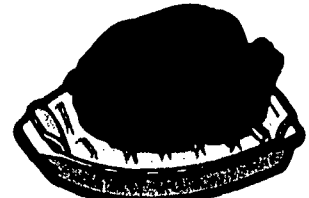


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The ABC Gospel Choir performs "I Got a Feeling" Monday during the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The speaker for the evening was Bruce Bridges, who spoke about the life and times of King.

Students honor leader

By JACLYN MAUCK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

One hundred and two students spent their Martin Luther King Day free from classes and working in the community.

Alliance of Black Collegians and Team Leadership organized volunteers into eight teams, each providing a specific service.

Volunteers continued work on the Children's Center, a project begun last year. The Center, which is a shelter for families in crisis, serves parents who are ill and unable to care for their children and children with special needs.

"I met the people organizing the Children's Center last year when it was still in the dream stages," said Carol Cowles, assistant vice president for student affairs. "We did the dirty, heavy ground work."

Volunteers began the project by tearing up linoleum and carpet. Because the Center is almost complete, volunteers scrubbed the kitchen floor and moved furniture. University President Dean Hubbard used his pickup to haul a refrigerator

and table from Cameron Savings and Loan to the Center.

"It's an opportunity to help people," Hubbard said. "It's important for us to reach out and help people who have needs that we can meet."

While the Children's Center project was heading toward completion, another project was just beginning. Elderhouse is a new community service outlet. Volunteers go into seniors' homes to clean, do small house repairs and yard work.

Other volunteers went to the Animal Shelter, Maryville Chamber of Commerce, Donaldson West Side Park, Healthy Community with Bob Bush, the Ministry Center and Nodaway County Historical Museum.

"We had an amazing crunch at the end," said Stacy Thomas, graduate assistant for student affairs. "We had more volunteers than projects. We actually had to set up more projects."

The day was finished with a candlelight vigil in honor of Martin

Luther King Jr. Approximately 40 people walked silently from the Bell Tower to the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center holding candles.

Kimberly Robinson, ABC executive board secretary, welcomed the audience and told a story of her relatives.

"On the way over here my feet began to hurt very, very bad," Robinson said. "And then I began to think about some of my ancestors who had to march. I thought I have very little to complain about."

After performances from the ABC gospel choir and praise dancers, Bruce Bridges from North Carolina State University spoke. Bridges has taught at several colleges and workshops on Afrocentricity.

Bridges told King's story and asked the audience to educate themselves. He told them to read as much as they could and "do something most people never do—think."

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False alarms explained at South

By SARA SITZMAN
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

False fire alarms are common on college campuses, with Northwest being no exception, but several false alarms at South Complex during the fall trimester drew suspicion.

Health and Safety Manager Scott Walk said about eight out of 10 false alarms are the result of students pulling the pull stations, but that is not the case for South.

"I cannot remember one pull station being pulled in South," Walk said. "We haven't had any malicious false alarms."

Walk said the fire system at South is sensitive, but it is effective because it reacts to dust, steam and smoke.

The alarms contain photo sensors with a light beam refracting inside. If the light beam is broken

the alarm goes off, Walk said. A sudden rise in temperature will trigger an alarm.

The system not only sounds an alarm, but it warns when a detector is dirty or not working properly. Some of the false alarms were attributed to such problems.

"It's a new system," Walk said. "When you put up a new system there's going to be a few bugs. They don't always show themselves immediately."

Other reasons for false alarms include dust from a vacuum, students burning popcorn in their microwaves and maintenance workers cleaning air filters, Walk said.

Before the spring trimester began, heat detectors located in the recreation room on the first floor were replaced with smoke detectors because of false alarms caused by the heating units in the room, Walk

said.

Alarms do not know the difference between construction dust and the smoke of a fire, said Brett Blythe, South hall director. He also does not anticipate much of a problem this trimester.

Whether an alarm is false or not, it is important to vacate the building, Blythe said.

"I can see where it does get a little bothersome, but they do still need to leave," Blythe said. "It's very important that they do that."

Walk said the number of intentional false alarms has been down throughout campus.

"There have been very minimal malicious false alarms," Walk said. "I want to commend students and residence hall staffs because they can be a dangerous thing."

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Library displays teacher's art work

By RYAN OHLERKING
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Owens Library recently received a piece of pottery sculpted by a pottery teacher at Northwest.

The work of Russ Schmaljohn is located directly across from the reservation desk, displayed at an ideal location for maximum visibility.

"This piece is very typical of his work," said Patt Van Dyke, dean of libraries. "You can see the motifs in the piece — turtles, crabs, sticks, leaves and also the unusual textures."

Schmaljohn named the piece the Ali Baba jar because of its large size. The name refers to Arabian mythology.

The environmental enhancement provided by the pot, among other pieces displayed in the library, creates a relaxing atmosphere and encourages people to

spend time there, Van Dyke said. The library displays many two-dimensional pieces of artwork and the staff felt the need for a three-dimensional piece.

There are plans to add benches near the Ali Baba jar and a gallery light to make it more attractive.

The library displays pieces by retired Northwest professors, such as a painting by George Rose, a former art professor, located directly above the Ali Baba jar.

"I think when alums come back, they enjoy seeing this type of thing," Van Dyke said. "It is a way of making a link between the library and the arts, the library and the future."

Van Dyke said the library tries to collect not only print sources, but also artwork and historical memorabilia.

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Computer system makes payroll easier

By PHILLIP KOEHLER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest will implement new payroll software this spring.

The new software is expected to make distributing checks easier for the University and people on its payroll by allowing Northwest to print checks on campus.

The new software from the Systems and Computers Technology

Corporation has been in the process of being integrated with the current system since last March. Before this, the University's payroll was handled by Missouri's Office of Administrative Division of Accounting in Jefferson City.

The University chose to break off from the state after learning it was starting a new system. Human Resources would have to be included

if they continued with the current form of getting paychecks.

"The software will soon allow student employees to make direct deposits and paydays could move to earlier in the month," said Dan Edmonds, controller for the accounting department.

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Senatorial Debate

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Sunday, January 21

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Both candidates will answer panelists questions for an hour on the Northwest campus.

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If you can't make it to the debate, tune in to KXCV-FM 90.5 for a live broadcast!



Randall Relford
Democrat from Cameron



David Klindt
Republican from Bethany

Randall Relford and David Klindt

Don't forget to vote Wednesday, Jan. 24

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Northwest men's basketball

No. 5 Bearcats suffer first loss 68-58

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest Men's basketball undefeated streak came to a screeching halt Wednesday night in Kirksville. The 10 week, 13 game undefeated joy ride came to a close with the 68-58 loss at Truman State University 5-8, 1-5.

The 'Cats, who jumped from No. 1 to No. 5 in the latest Division II top 25 rankings now ride a 13-1 record, and share the lead in the MIAA with Missouri Southern State College, both sporting a 5-1 mark.

The 'Cats struggled early down 38-32 at the half but clawed their way back into the game following a Joe Price three-pointer Northwest was within three, 56-53 with 4:02 remaining.

That was as close as the tide would come as the Bearcats struggled committing eight second half turnovers, and connected on just 3 of their last 13 shots.

Tappmeyer reflected on the first loss in his post game interview on KNIM.

"It wasn't a lack of effort but we

just weren't very sharp," Tappmeyer said. "You have to play sharp to win here. We had a bullet on our back being No. 1 in the conference. They gave us a shot and got us."

Last Saturday night the Bearcats defended the home hardwood in the Highway 71 showdown with arch rival Missouri Western State College, downing the Griffons 88-84.

Western went on a 6-0 run to go down 70-66 with 4:36 left in the contest.

The Griffons never came closer

than six points again until hitting a meaningless three-pointer at the buzzer.

Coach Steve Tappmeyer said the Griffons posed a stiff challenge.

"Missouri Western was the best team we've played up to this point," Tappmeyer said.

Sophomore guard Scott Fleming said the Bearcat Arena experience was electric Saturday night.

"It was a great atmosphere and great game," Fleming said. "The crowd support was unbelievable. We knew they were going to give us

their best shot, and they did."

Fleming enjoyed a successful night scoring 28 points.

Fleming has led the 'Cats in scoring the last four games, and has taken leading scoring honors in eight games.

Tappmeyer gives high praise to his sophomore sensation who was named the MIAA player of the week on Monday.

"The main thing I can say about him is he is just a winner," Tappmeyer said. "Every now and then you coach somebody that just

knows how to make big plays, that has that competitive heart that they just don't want to lose and that's the best way I can describe him."

With the win Saturday, Northwest was off to its best start in 61 years.

Tappmeyer said the records and ranking are not at the fore front of his and his players minds just yet.

Northwest stays on the road Saturday traveling to the University of Missouri-Rolla, 4-9, 2-3.

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Maryville girls' basketball

Hound girls have big month

By ASHLEE ERWIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville girls' basketball team is entering the toughest part of its schedule, but the girls are showing no fear of the challenges ahead.

The 'Hounds have posted five wins in the month of January, improving their record to an impressive 12-4 overall.

However, this week's Park Hill/Bishop Miege Tournament has proven to be the team's most daunting challenge yet.

On Wednesday the girls were defeated by Bishop Miege 62-38. They will play Blue Springs tonight at 6:30 p.m.

In first round action Tuesday night, Maryville used sheer determination to beat a tough Kansas City Washington team 43-37. The 'Hounds had to overcome the quickness of Washington coach Randy Cook said.

"We let their quickness affect us more than it should have," Cook said.

But a more important factor to Cook was the poor shooting by his team.

"To hold any team to 37 points you're not playing bad defense," Cook said.

Senior Dana Lade also thought the team could have played better. "We're glad we won, but we know we could have played better," Lade said.

Scoring leaders for Tuesday's game were junior Hailey Lawyer with 12 points and Lade with 10 points. Senior Jessie Cooper led the rebounding effort with 11 rebounds.

Maryville, seeded second on the Missouri side, was the smallest school in the eight team Missouri/Kansas tournament. Cook was optimistic about the prospect of playing bigger schools.

"In the long run it is going to help us no matter where we end up this week," Cook said. "The competition is going to make us better."

The girls defeated South Harrison 52-36 Friday night at Bethany.

After falling behind 12-10 at the end of the first quarter, the 'Hounds slowly built their lead, outscoring South Harrison 14-5 in the second quarter. Maryville entered halftime with the 24-17 lead.

A strong fourth quarter, led by junior Erin Lohaf's nine points erased Cook's worries and put the game away for Maryville.

Following the Park Hill/Bishop Miege Tournament, the 'Hounds have a break in action until they face Savannah at 8 p.m. Jan. 26 at home.

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Chuck Lliteras coached at Maryville High School for 10 years. He will be taking the head coaching job at Fort Osage High School in Kansas City, Mo., next fall. His overall coaching record was 78-36. He won three district 19 titles, made three State play-off appearances and was the 3A State runner-up in 1996.

Lliteras heads to Fort Osage after 10 years in Maryville

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

Spoonfoot football is known for its explosive offense and hard-nosed defense. It is also known for hard working players willing to lay it on the line.

The credit for these traits can be given to head coach Chuck Lliteras. He took over the head coaching job at the high school in 1990, but is moving on. Next fall he will take over as head coach at Fort Osage in Kansas City, Mo.

Fort Osage, a 5A school, plays in the largest class available in Missouri.

Lliteras said the strength of Fort Osage's co-curriculum was one of the deciding factors in his choice.

"One of the things that really impressed me was the similarity in their curriculum philosophy," Lliteras said. "They really strive to

push co-curricular and the importance and significance of all activities."

Along with the strengths of the school's curricular activities, Lliteras also said he liked the 5A status, the coaching staff at Fort Osage and the potential to succeed right away.

"They know how to win and they have an educated coaching staff," Lliteras said.

Fort Osage finished 8-3 last year,

I think that's the fondest thing I will take with me, the experience with the students."

CHUCK LLITERAS
MARYVILLE HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

including a District Championship. The team was eliminated in the first round of the State playoffs with a 48-28 loss to Blue Springs.

Lliteras will gain the services of 5A All-State running back Jeremy Braden.

A senior next year, Braden will be given the chance to excel even further in Lliteras' spread bone option attack, a system he says has proven successful at all levels.

"The spread bone is going to fit great," Lliteras said. "There are teams all over America that use the spread bone, spread option attack.

Delta State won a D-II national championship with it, Georgia Southern won a D-I AA national championship with it and Hawaii won their bowl game with it."

Lliteras said he would like the opportunity to interview the candidates to the program he has built.

"This has been a great 10 years, I have invested my time and my energy in it, and I don't want to see it go backwards," Lliteras said.

Plenty of memories about Maryville and former teams are in the mind of Lliteras, but he said he will remember the feelings he has had since his resignation most.

"You don't really realize from day-to-day the effect you have on student athletes, both male and female, that have come through the program," Lliteras said.

"Then you make a change and you get inundated with phone calls and letters wishing you well, people just expressing their feelings. I think that's the fondest thing I will take with me, the experience with the students."

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THE LLITERAS FILE

Coaching Career:

- Chadron High School
- Fort Banning, Ga.
- Chadron State College
- Union College
- William Penn College
- Maryville High School
- Fort Osage High School

Family life:

Lliteras is married to wife, Kris, and has two sons, Matt and Jeremy.

Career Highlights:

- Three District 19 Championships
- Three State play-off appearances
- 1996 3A State runner-up

Career Record:

78-36
68.4 winning percentage

Northwest players compete in bowl games

Miles heads to Hula Bowl, Becker, Williams have big games at Cactus Bowl

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest's own Tony Miles will represent the Bearcats in the national spotlight Saturday night in the 2001 Hula Bowl All-Star Football Classic.

The gridiron showdown will be televised from War Memorial Stadium in Maui Saturday on ESPN with kickoff slated for 7 p.m.

Miles, a NCAA Division II All-American, is one of just four Divi-

sion II players competing in one of Division I's most prolific all-star games.

Miles will play for the North squad coached by Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer.

The game will feature a rematch of the coaches who squared off in the 2000 Sugar Bowl for the National Championship.

The South squad is led by Florida State's Bobby Bowden.

Miles will have the opportunity to play with and against some of the biggest names in college football.

Miles finished his senior year with 1,034 yards receiving and 10 touchdowns.

He also rushed for 167 yards on

18 attempts for three touchdowns.

Miles quarterbacked on the North squad is Purdue's Drew Brees, who finished third in the 2000 Heisman Trophy contest.

Miles has been in Hawaii since Jan. 14, but said in the Oct. 26 issue of the Northwest Missourian he was honored to be selected.

"I've never really dreamed of anything like that," Miles said.

"I've just never thought anything like that could happen. It's an honor



TONY MILES
WIDE RECEIVER



AARON BECKER
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN



BRIAN WILLIAMS
LINEBACKER

that I'll always remember." With NFL scouts attending the game and this week's practices it will be a prime opportunity for Miles to

Two other Northwest seniors saw their collegiate careers officially come to a close Jan. 12 in the 2001 Cactus Bowl in Kingsville,

Texas.

Brian Williams and Aaron Becker, both NCAA Division II All-Americans and MIAA first team defense members, were both members of the West All-Stars.

The game ended in a 33-33 tie when the West squad kicked a field goal to tie the game as time expired.

Williams was the second-leading tackler for the West All-Stars.

The MIAA defensive MVP recorded six tackles, including four solo stops and two tackles for loss.

Becker also shined for the West defense.

Becker finished with five tackles, two for loss, including one sack for a loss of 14 yards.

Maryville boys' basketball

6-0 run keys
'Hounds winBy BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

When it came to crunch time late in the third quarter Tuesday night, the Maryville boys' basketball team stepped up and ended any hopes of a South Harrison victory.

The 'Hounds, 11-4, went on a 6-0 run to end the third quarter, taking a 45-39 lead. Maryville played even with the Bulldogs in the fourth quarter to capture its 11th victory of the season, 60-54.

The 'Hounds will face rival Chillicothe Friday at 8 p.m. at Maryville.

Senior guard Cody Burch said the Chillicothe game would be a big one.

"Even though they aren't in our conference it will be a big game," Burch said. "They are a big rival and the game is at our place so we are looking forward to it."

Maryville was not looking past South Harrison Tuesday. The Bulldogs returned all five starters from last year's team.

The first quarter saw both teams claim the lead before the 'Hounds ended the quarter ahead, 17-14.

The teams battled back and forth the second as Maryville found ways to contain the Bulldogs' big man, sophomore Tyler Luellen.

Using double teams and fronting any entry passes, the 'Hounds held Luellen to 12 points.

Senior forward Jon Akins led the 'Hounds with 14 points, including 10 in the first half.

With Akins out of the game, South Harrison went on a run to tie the game at 39 with 1:20 to go in the third quarter. Maryville answered right back when senior Eric Goudge scored two of his 11 points on a basket underneath.

Burch thought the basket was a big one because the team stepped it up a notch.

"We started letting up and let them back in it," Burch said. "We had done that before, and we just realized we have to step it back up and start playing again."

To start the fourth quarter, the 'Hounds continued their third quarter run scoring four more points. The Hounds biggest lead of the night was 11 points, before South Harrison started to claw its way back into the game again.

Trailing 59-54, South Harrison had possession of the ball when junior guard Joey Wilmes stole the ball out front and took the ball in for a fast-break layup.

Wilmes scored six points the final six minutes of the fourth quarter. Goudge finished with 11 points, and Burch added 10 points.

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Maryville wrestling

'Hounds duel with Pirates tonight

By CHRIS BOLINGER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville wrestling team walked away from a duel tournament Saturday against Plattsburg in a disappointing fifth place, and their struggles continued Tuesday in a 58-12 loss at Cameron.

The wrestlers have since been gearing up for tonight's home duel against Platte County.

The challenge is great, as the Pirates are the No. 1 team in the state and conference. Everyone on the Platte County roster is rated in the state, including four No. 1 grapplers.

In spite of the daunting task at hand, the 'Hounds are happy to be back to the friendly confines of Maryville for the first time since January 4.

"It's good to be back at home, but Platte County is not really a team you want to face," senior Mitch Herring said. "They're one of the best teams in Missouri in all classes. They have good individuals and are a good team. They're an excellent program with great coaches."

The 'Hounds lone points Tuesday at Cameron came from a Dragon forfeit to Anthony Ferry (103), and Herring's (189) pin just 37 seconds into his match.

Herring is sporting a 12-3 record, including seven pins and is glad he hit the mats this season.

"I'm having a lot of fun," Herring said. "My season has gone pretty well. I'm glad I decided to go out."

Maryville dropped six bouts by decision, several in slim fashion,



Freshmen grapplers Hams Plackemeier (top) and Aaron Brown hone their skills in practice Wednesday at Maryville High School. The Spoofhounds lost to Cameron 58-12 Tuesday, but come back home tonight to face No. 1 ranked Platte County.

and were pinned in four matches.

The 'Hounds closed out the meet with forfeits at 215 and 275 because of injuries to seniors Tom Bailey and Noah Bonde.

Cameron is rated No. 2 in the conference, and Herring knew the duel would be a stiff challenge.

"Things didn't go like we hoped or wished but we knew they were

going to be tough," Herring said. "They're stacked from 103 to 130 and have some really talented kids."

Head coach Joe Drake said the team wrestled extremely well at Plattsburg on Saturday, but lost one duel in the duel tournament pool.

The 'Hounds beat the team that ended up second in the meet in an early day bout.

Drake and his wrestlers were disappointed with the finish, but were pleased with the way that the team performed, he said.

The team lost a tie-breaker and wrestled Harrison for fifth-place at the meet.

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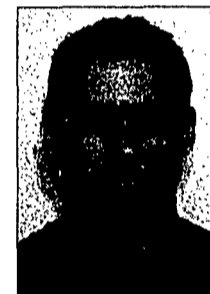
What are your fondest memories of Spoofhounds football head coach Chuck Lliteras?



taught us about the game but how to have fun." Mitch Herring, Maryville High School senior



"He's my friend and associate who never asked 'What have you done for me lately?' He does what's necessary through his untold powers and dedication for the kids and the community. Although he is leaving, I still look forward to seeing him on the golf course in the summer, beating him at Bingo-Bongo-Bongo." H.T. Adams, Maryville High School A.D.



Pat Jordan, Northwest wide receiver



Ron Landherr, Maryville principal

"The thing I will remember about coach Lliteras is that his approach was intense, there was no waste of time, no messing around, it was straight to business."

"My favorite memory of Coach Lliteras is seeing him in the weight room at five o'clock in the morning, school year or summer, rain or shine."

SPORTS IN SHORT

Maryville to have spring soccer season in 2001

The Maryville American Youth Soccer Organization is expanding its season to include a spring season.

The season will kick off March 24 and end May 5. All games will be played on Saturday, but no games will be played Easter weekend. Anyone born between Aug. 1, 1984 and Jan. 31, 1996 is eligible to play.

Registration will take place Thursday, Jan. 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, at 333 S. Davis St.

Players who did not play in the fall will be charged \$40 to pay for a full uniform, field maintenance fees and an insurance policy. Players who participated in the fall season will be charged \$5 and will play on the same team as the fall.

Open gym held Sunday's through February

The Maryville Parks and Recreation Department and the Maryville School District will be conducting an open gym eight Sunday afternoons this winter. The program will take place at the Maryville High School gymnasium for students in or above the fifth grade.

This activity will feature baskets for open shooting and pick-up games for basketball and volleyball. Students are welcome from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

The open gyms will take place Jan. 21 and 28, and Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25. A \$2 per day participant fee will be charged at the door to defray the cost of supervision.

For additional information, contact the Maryville Parks and Recreation Department at 562-2923.

Fairfax to play host to volleyball tournament

The third annual Community Hospital Association coed volleyball tournament will take place Sat., Jan. 27 at the Fairfax High School gym.

Spectators are admitted free of charge and a concession stand will be available.

Bearcat softball clinics take place Jan. 21-11-6

The Northwest softball program will play host to a coaches clinic and two player clinics this winter.

The coaches clinic will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 21.

Individual sessions in catching/pitching or hitting will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Jan. 28. Another individual session clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 4. Infield and outfield play will be taught, along with a hitting session.

Pre-registration is recommended. For more information contact Pam Knox at 562-1783.

Baseball day camps at Northwest in February

The Northwest baseball program will play host to three day camps and clinics during the month of February.

There will be a baseball coaches clinic on Feb. 3. A pitcher/catcher camp will take place Feb. 10, followed by the hitters camp on Feb. 11.

For more information, contact the Northwest baseball office at 562-1352 or 562-1713.

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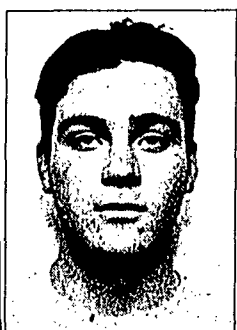
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RANTING AND RAVING

Super Bowl lacks offense



BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

So Super Bowl XXXV comes down to the New York Giants and the Baltimore Ravens. Excuse me while I yawn.

In a season which saw no one team excel above the others, the entire world is subjected to the Ravens and the Giants.

The Ravens are led by the best defense in the NFL and the best player, Ray Lewis. The Giants are led by... well the Giants just find ways to win.

In the NFC Championship it was quarterback Kerry Collins' arm. The week before it was special teams play and defense. Throughout the season it was "Thunder and Light-

ning," runningbacks Ron Dayne and Tiki Barber.

This year's Super Bowl will not be one of the typical 1980s and 90s Super Bowl blowouts, and not because both teams are that good, but because both teams cannot score.

I know the Giants scored 41 on the Vikings, but the Bearcats could score 41 on the Vikings defense, the only defense worse is the Rams'.

The Ravens' best offense is their defense. This team went five weeks without a touchdown. How does that happen?

Defense. The Ravens excel on the other side of the ball. They shut down the NFL's No. 1 rushing attack last weekend, holding the Raiders to 24 yards. The Raiders averaged 151 yards a game during the season.

No one picked these two teams to play this weekend. That has been the model for the NFL this year. Expect the unexpected.

The defending champions, the St. Louis Rams, barely made the playoffs, only to be eliminated in the first round. Their bandwagon has gotten a little less crowded.

The Raiders made the AFC Championship coming off an 8-8 season and picking a kicker in the first round of the draft last year.

The Chiefs did not make the playoffs. Oh wait, that happened last year, too.

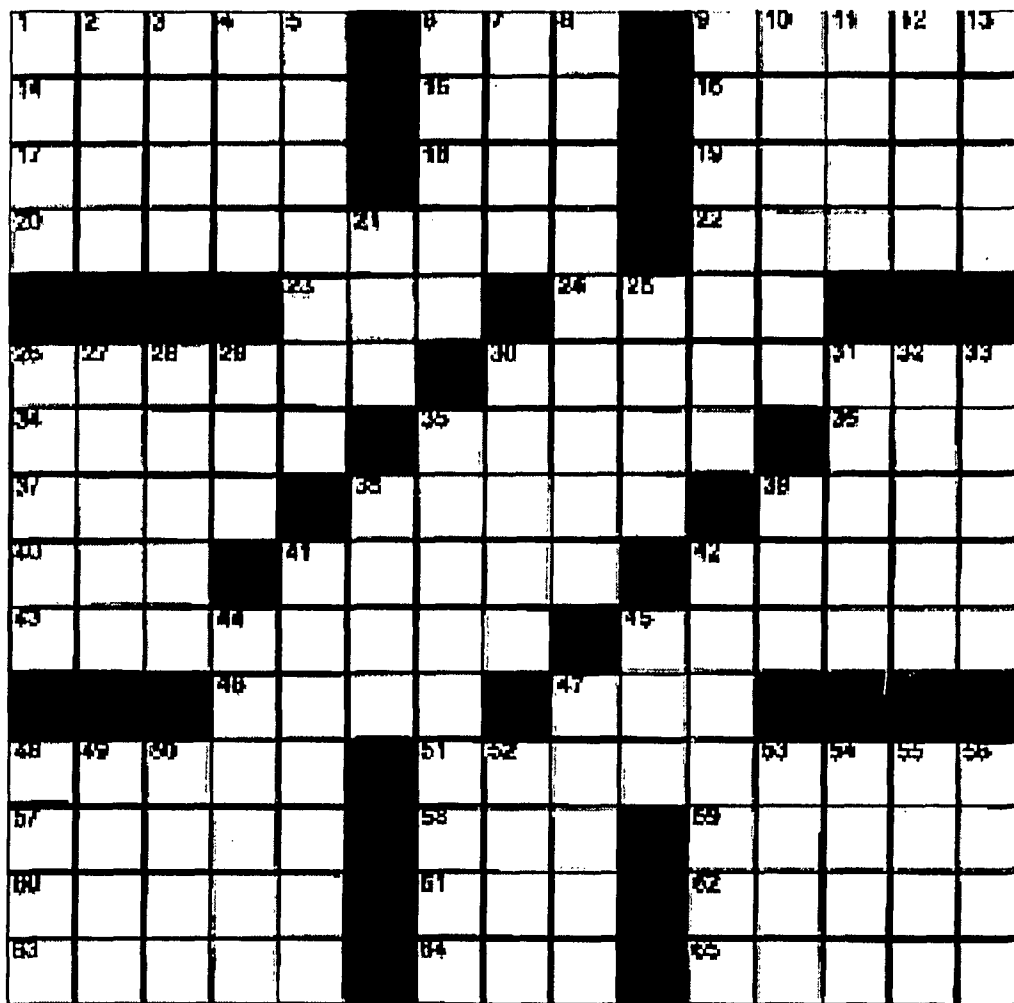
Besides the Chiefs, the only thing that really stayed the same in the NFL this year was the Dolphins exit from the post season. A 27-0 beating, but it was better than last year when they gave up 60-plus points to the Jaguars.

The title is up for grabs, and since all the "experts" are going with the Ravens, this "expert" is going with the Giants in an offensive thriller.

With the score knotted at zeroes in the fourth quarter the Giants stick the Ravens deep in their own territory. On the second play of the drive, Trent Dilfer throws the ball away in the end zone. The play is ruled intentional grounding and a safety giving the Giants a 2-0 Super Bowl win.

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Mens. basketball			at Missouri-Rolla 3:30 p.m.				Washburn 7:30 p.m.
Womens. basketball			at Missouri-Rolla 1:30 p.m.				Washburn 5:30 p.m.
Indoor track			at Iowa State University				
Boys basketball			Chillicothe 8 p.m.				
Girls basketball	Park Hill/Bishop Meigs Tourn.						
Wrestling	Platte County 7 p.m.		Maryville JV Tourn. 11 p.m.			Stanberry JV Tourn.	

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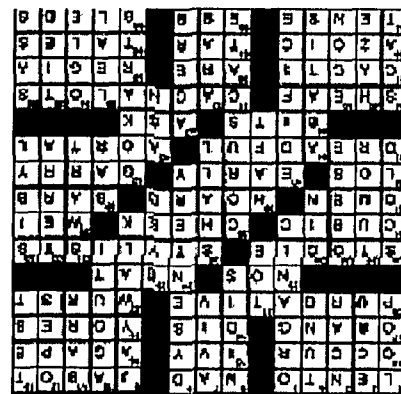
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18. Prefix
19. Golden times
20. Cathartic
22. Sausage
23. One, two, three, etc...
24. Spruce
26. Type of cigar
30. Designers

34. Pertaining to the third degree
35. Turn the other one!
36. North Chinese Dynasty
37. Augury
38. Husband
39. Biting comment
40. _____ Alamos, NM
41. What kind of bird gets worm
42. Male name meaning spear carrier
43. Dire

45. Relating to the main trunk of the heart
46. Computer's _____ and bytes
47. Question
48. Bundle of wheat
51. Noggins
57. Desert plant
58. 100 square meters
59. Roman palace
60. Era
61. Used to create roads
62. Rumors
63. Present is one

Down

1. In the _____
2. Beige color
3. National Center for Atmospheric Research (Acronym)
4. Drying Oil used in Varnishes
5. Fundamental
6. Type of dress
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8. Montezuma's revenge
9. Cross in middle



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Kristin Anderson

Anderson, a junior center, scored a game high 22 points Saturday against Missouri Western. Anderson also led the team in rebounds with six and steals with three.



Joseph Drake

Drake, a freshman, wrestles at 119 and is the son of head coach Joe Drake. Drake has an impressive 15-7 record on the year. He won five matches at the Plattsburg Tournament over the weekend.



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Man critiques department

Your Man would like to pose a question to all students and alumni of Northwest. Did you get your money's worth for your education? Now you can take this in a number of ways. Many people would argue that their friends and their vast experiences at college justify the price of admission. Unfortunately, I don't care about whom you've met or any of your experiences. What I want to know, were your teachers worth what you paid them?

Your Man is interested because I am beginning to question a handful of instructors on campus. I am not sure they are doing their jobs. Take common sense for example. Common sense would have taught one teacher that trying to complete a U-turn on Fourth Street probably wouldn't work with the amount of snow on the road a few weeks ago. Common sense would have then told this teacher that once she realized the maneuver was impossible, she should have promptly moved on to plan B.

Obviously plan B did not exist in her realm of thinking and this unfortunate teacher became hopelessly stuck in the middle of the road. Now if our teachers are unable to exist in a changing society, how can we expect them to help students where they, the teachers, are inadequate?

I understand the role of teachers is not to simply foster common



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sense and help students to some-day function in society, but I see one department on campus that thrives on making this its goal. The education department faculty makes a living in common sense. A great number of the faculty even have a Ph.D. in education. Could school get any simpler? You go to school to learn and then you get a degree in learning. Don't get me wrong here, I respect these individuals for the time and money it obviously took to obtain the degree alone, but when they call themselves experts on what can exist as theory at most is amazing.

The University was once known as Northwest Missouri State Teach-

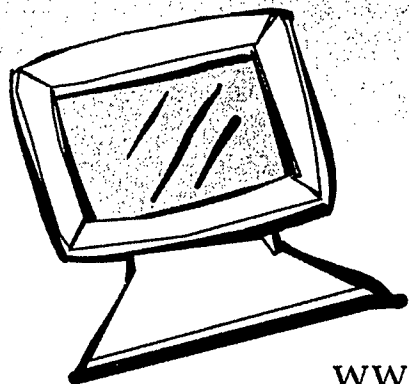
ers College, and it actually had an ounce of respect for the education program. It was one of the most prolific producers of teachers in the country. How, in a few decades, can the education program have such a low reputation?

It could be the curriculum. I mean Your Man loves busy work as much as the next student, but will any of this work and any of the lectures have any ramifications later in any student's life? The instructors lecture day in and day out as if education is a tangible object, as if it does not change. There are even classes in multiculturalism and special education. These classes seem to be the favorites, students learn how, as teachers, to label students and promote stereotypes.

With many teachers in the department fostering a "do as I say, not as I do" method, I am not surprised at the low reputation. I challenge the students who take these classes to rate the teachers. Use the course evaluations and question the ability of the teachers. I understand that this is difficult because you have been bribed. That "A" promised to you on the first day of class obviously has a price.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1978 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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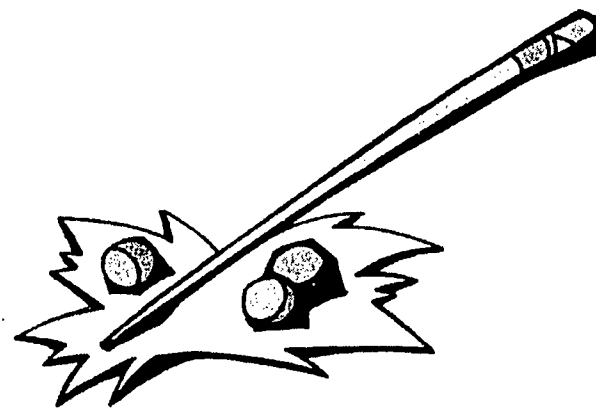
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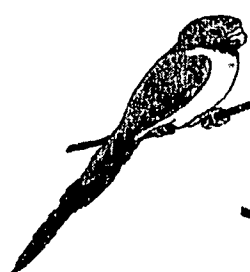
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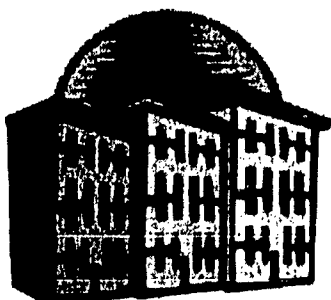
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